## STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

Office of the Governor



**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO: 1053** 

WHEREAS, various areas and waterways of the State of Mississippi have been affected and will be affected by major flooding and potentially historic flooding of the Mississippi River and its various tributaries and auxiliary channels; and

WHEREAS, the major flooding and further potential for historic flooding caused by the Mississippi River and its various tributaries and auxiliary channels have caused and will continue to cause complete devastation to homes, businesses, public property and threaten the safety of the citizens and property throughout the State of Mississippi;

WHEREAS, the major flooding and further potential for historic flooding have created conditions that require immediate action to assist law enforcement and public safety and security efforts throughout affected areas; and

WHEREAS, the major flooding and further potential for historical flooding has necessitated the suspension of boating activity and navigation, of any kind, on waters or waterways specified by the Executive Director of the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks, due to the emergency flooding situation that currently exists along the Mississippi River and its tributaries as well as related public safety concerns caused by the water levels nearing power transmission lines across the waters or waterways. It is in the interest of public safety and security efforts that the waters or waterways as ordered by the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks be closed to all boating activity, for the duration of the flooding emergency and/or until further notice:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Haley Barbour, Governor of the State of Mississippi, pursuant to the authority vested to me under the Constitution of the State of Mississippi and Section 33-15-11(b)(5) & (17) and (c), Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, hereby authorize the Executive Director Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks to take all actions necessary to protect the security and public safety of the affected areas, waters or waterways including suspending all boating activity and navigation, of any kind.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereupon set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi to be affixed.

DONE in the City of Jackson, on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of May in the year of the Lord, two thousand and eleven, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and thirty-fifth.

HALEY BARBOUR GOVERNOR

BY THE GOVERNOR

C. DELBERT HOSEMANN, JR. SECRETARY OF STATE